



## Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center Gallery

### About the Gallery

The Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center Gallery in Everglades National Park features monthly exhibits which highlight the Park's unique natural and cultural resources. Monthly exhibits feature the work of various artists including local students of all ages. The gallery is also a venue for the Park to highlight specific events, programs, and/or collections.

### *Mission*

The mission of the gallery is to educate, enhance and enrich the visitor's understanding and experience of Everglades National Park through quality Everglades' specific exhibits; foster a unique opportunity for the future generations of Park stewards to learn about the Everglades.

### *Goals*

- Highlight important natural and cultural resources located within Everglades National Park.
- To interpret the natural and cultural history of the Everglades through the eyes of an artist.
- Feature new artists and offer Park visitors a new and unique opportunity to learn about the Park.
- Partner with local educational institutions to highlight student work for the benefit of the community and future generations of Park stewards.

### *Goals of the Artist*

- Help visitors gain an understanding and appreciation of the unique natural and cultural resources located within Everglades National Park
- To interpret the Everglades through the eyes of artist.
- Positively promote and represent Everglades National Park during their exhibit month.
- Work positively with Park staff to ensure that all goals and exhibition requirements are met.

### Application Process

Each year the Park receives many applications from artists, schools, outdoors enthusiasts and Park supporters. Applicants should remember that the gallery is a multi-use space and the Park does reserve the right to cancel an exhibition at our discretion. If this situation should occur you will receive notice well in advance.

### *When to Apply:*

The online application is available beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> on the Park's public website, for consideration in the next calendar year. Please visit: <http://www.nps.gov/ever/planyourvisit/coe-visitor-center-monthly-art-exhibit.htm>

### *Who Should Apply:*

Artists/educational institutions who would like to interpret the Everglades through art while helping to educate visitors about the park resources. All media types are welcome to apply. It is our policy that works displayed are not for sale and are not commercially available while being exhibited.

### *Selection Process:*

Park staff will select artists whose media best meets the vision of the Park to enhance the visitor experience through art. Artists will be notified (via email) by March 31<sup>st</sup> regarding the status of their application. There is no formal closing date to apply. Applications will still be accepted after March 31<sup>st</sup> if there are months which are still available. Once all months for the following calendar year are full we will stop taking applications until the following January.

### **Length of Exhibit**

Exhibits in the Park run for a one-month period beginning on the first and ending on the last day of every month. The artist must set up and break down their artwork. A Park official will be present to provide guidance.

### **Presentation Room Layout**

#### *Lighting*

There are 12 stationary ceiling light locations, and 10 adjustable track lights.

#### *Staging*

The Gallery can provide 5 (H: 68 in., W: 49 in.) portable double sided felt panels, 3 wooden easels, hooks and pins to assist in setting up your exhibit. Feel free to bring additional materials you may need.

#### *Furniture*

Small table for flyers or other miscellaneous items can be provided.

